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SUBJ: INCORRECT REPORT OF EXPULSION OF AMCIT CARRIED BY AGENCY
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1. ON MORNING OF DEC 20 EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM FRENCH EMBASSY
DOHA COPY OF AFP TELEX DATELINED KUWAIT DEC 19 CONCERNING
"EXPULSION" OF AN AMERICAN REPORTER IDENTIFIED IN THE STORY
AS MMC. FRANKLIN. ACCORDING TO THE TEXT THE STORY APPEARED
FIRST IN THE KUWAITI DAILY AL-SIYASSA.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION (FROM FRENCH): (TEXT)
KUWAIT, 19 DEC., AFP. AN AMERICAN REPORTER, M.C. FRANKLIN,
WAS EXPELLED FROM QATAR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTIN COUNTRIES
ACCORDING TO JOURNAL AL-SIYASSA. M. FRANKLIN, A RESEARCHER
FROM AN AMERICAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND A JEW, ARRIVED IN DOHA
ON DEC 13, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE PETROLEUM CONFERENCE.
HE IS THE BEARER OF AN AMERICAN PASSPORT WITH AN ENTRY VISA
ISSUED BY THE QATARI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON UNDER THE RECOMMENDATION
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OF DEMOCRATIC SENATOR ABOUREZK WHO IS OF LEBANESE ORIGIN,
ACCORDING TO THE KUWAITI DAILY. M. FRANKLIN WAS DEPORTED DESPITE
THE PROTESTS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN DOHA AFTER AN OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATION HAD ESTABLISHED THAT THE AMERICAN REPORTER HAD
VISITED ISRAEL FOUR TIME, ACCORDING TO THE JOURNAL (END TEXT)

3. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE AL-SIYASSA STORY REFERS TO MR. JAMES FRANKLIN FLUG. SECURITY OFFICERS IN THEIR INITIAL CONTACTS WITH THE EMBASSY REFERRED TO MR. FLUG AS "FRANKLIN" CONFUSING THE ORDER OF HIS NAME AS IT APPEARED ON HIS PASSPORT.

4. EMBASSY HAS EXPLAINED SITUATION TO FRENCH EMBASSY HERE INCLUDING THE FACT THAT MR. FLUG WAS NOT EXPELLED.

5. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE EVENING OF DEC 18 MR. FLUG TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED HIS MISSION IN QATAR AND THAT HE WAS SATISFIED AND HAPPY WITH THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE TO HIM. PASFFELLI

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